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BOMBAY FOR AMB MOYNIHAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: C-130S FOR PAKISTAN

REF: TEHRAN 5672, STATE 158228 AND 160230, BOMBAY 1593

1. AIR MARSHAL ZAFAR CHAUDHRY, CHIEF OF AIR STAFF, HAS NOW INFORMED US PAK AIR FORCE IS NOT RPT NOT INTERESTED IN ACQUIRING NINE C-130S AT THIS TIME. INTENT OF APPLYING FOR PURCHASE FIVE C-130S FROM US WAS APPARENTLY TO PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE TO PENDING REQUEST PURCHASE FOUR C-130S FROM IRAN. CHAUDHRY SAYS HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE QUOTATIONS FROM US. PAKS WILL DECIDE WHICH SOURCE, IRAN OR US, TO ACCEPT BASED ON WHICH OFFERS BEST VALUE FOR MONEY. CHAUDHRY SAYS PAF WOULD WANT PURCHASE ITS CURRENT REQUIREMENTS EITHER FROM IRAN OR FROM US AND WOULD WISH AVOID MIXING TWO.

2. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD THUS BE PREMATURE FOR IRANIANS

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TO INFORM INDIANS AT THIS TIME OF C-130 TRANSFER FROM

IRAN TO PAKISTAN. SUCH NOTIFICATION SHOULD BE SUSPENDED
UNTIL PAKS DECIDE ON SOURCE OF C-130
PROCUREMENT.

3. ALTERNATIVE COULD BE FOR US TO DECIDE OURSELVES
THAT PAKS SHOULD PROCURE AIRCRAFT FROM IRAN PER ORI-
GINAL REQUEST, AND NOT RPT NOT ACT ON LATER APPROACH
TO USG. IN THAT EVENT, IRANIANS COULD QUICKLY CONFIRM WITH
PAKS AND THEN PROCEED NOTIFY INDIANS. BUT WE DO NOT KNOW
IF THERE IS GOOD REASON TO PRECLUDE POSSIBLE DIRECT USG
SALE TO PAKISTAN BY GOING THAT ROUTE.
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